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Welcome to the planet Mobius – a world unique and beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic the Hedgehog and the heroic Freedom Fighters work to save the world from the forces of evil!

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PREVIOUSLY...

The heroes are on the rise!

After suffering heavy losses at the hands of the evil Dr. Eggman and his Death Egg Mark 2 battle station, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are no more. In their place now stand two groups: Sonic leads **Team Fighters** abroad to hunt down Eggman and rescue the roboticized Sally Acorn (now known as Mecha Sally), and Rotor's **Team Freedom** is poised to defend the city of New Mobotropolis and the Acorn Kingdom!

An exhaustive hunt for the traitorous Snively has left Eggman's ultimate weapon in need of refueling. With Team Fighters hot on his heels, the evil doctor's only option was to land the Death Egg at his Dark Egg Legion base in the Shazamazon Temple. As a show of force, Mecha Sally was dispatched to kidnap Grand Chief Lupe of the Wolfpack nation, and Queen Hathor of the Felidae, which Eggman hoped would ignite a war between those two tribes.

As Eggman's deadly offensive continues, the fate of the two tribes rests in the hands of Team Fighters...

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

GRAND CHIEF LUPE
LEADER OF THE WOLF PACK NATION

QUEEN HATHOR
LEADER OF THE FELIDAE

SHAZAMAZON TEMPLE, SOURMERCA. DARK EGG LEGION BASE.

OHH-HO-HO! HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN! ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I TURN YOU INTO MY NEWEST LEGIONIZED MINION?

NOTHING CIVIL. AND EVEN THAT IS TOO DIGNIFIED FOR YOU.

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HAHAHA! WELL, I'LL CHANGE THAT TONE OF YOURS WITH--

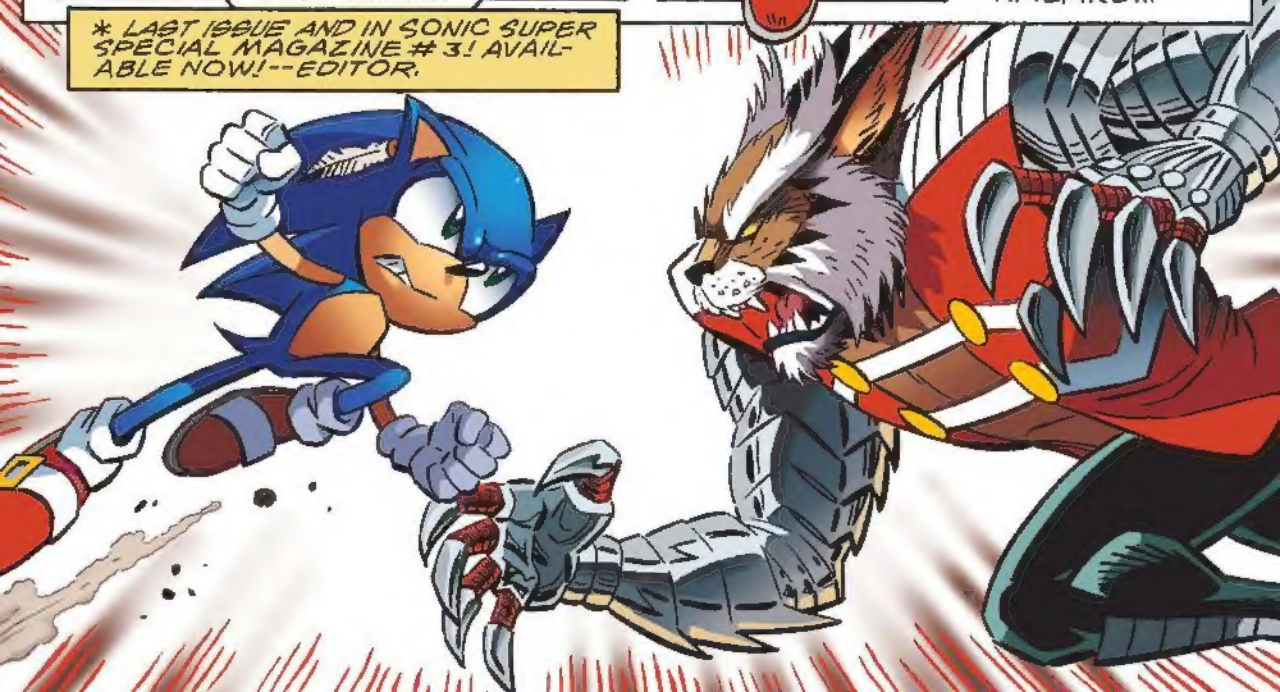
BREET! BREET!

--WHAT IN BLAZES...?

EGAD! SONIC FOLLOWED ME HERE!
BUT HOW --?!
ORBOT! STATUS REPORT!
WE'RE STILL HOURS FROM BEING...
...FULLY REFUELED AND RE-STOCKED, BOSS. WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN WITH REPAIRS YET.
AND NOW SONIC IS ON YOUR DOORSTEP. YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEFEATED, DOCTOR.
HMPH!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE OFF... EARLY! THAT'S ALL! I'M GOING TO OVERSEE THE LAST OF THE PREPARATIONS.
GET SOMEBODY IN HERE TO KEEP WATCH ON LUPE!

THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT.
WE'LL PUNCH RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE!
THE WAY IS CLEAR! TAILS, TAKE YOUR SQUAD...
...AND DO YOUR THING!
WE'LL KEEP THEM BUSY OUT HERE.
LADIES FIRST!
THIS "LEADERSHIP" THING IS FUN! HEH-HEH --"SQUAD."
YOUR GRAND CHIEF'S CELL SHOULD BE THIS WAY!
GOOD LUCK, TAILS! WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE TOP AS PLANNED!
BE SAFE! WATCH YOUR BACKS!

* LAST ISSUE AND IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE # 3! AVAILABLE NOW! --EDITOR.



MEANWHILE...
...SO HIGH AND MIGHTY NOW, HUH? I'M A GRAND-MASTER NOW! AND WHEN I'M DONE...
...HELPING EGGMAN CONQUER YOU, I GET HALF THE CONTINENT TO MYSELF!
YOU'RE AS MUCH A FOOL AS YOU ARE A TRAITOR. HE ENJOYS PITTING LOVED ONES AGAINST EACH OTHER AND LEADERS AGAINST THEIR PEOPLE. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN WHEN I'M LEGIONIZED?
I DUNNO -- HE'D GIVE YOU TO ME? A GRANDMASTER NEEDS A KOMMISSAR, AFTER ALL.
AGAIN, YOU'RE A SHORT-SIGHTED FOOL. EGGMAN WILL MAKE ME HIS GRANDMASTER TO UNDERMINE THE WOLF PACK NATION. YOU'LL BE DEMOTED--OR WORSE!
Y-Y-YOU'RE LYING! Y-YOU'RE WRONG! H-HE VALUES ME! H-HE'D NEVER GET RID OF--!

AUGH!
SHOOOMP
THROK
KRAK!
IMPRESSIVE.
HE MADE A TERRIBLE QUEEN.

ARE YOU HURT, GRAND CHIEF?
I'M FINE, LYCO. YOUR TIMING IS PERFECT...!

AS PROMISED, THE QUEEN OF THE FELIDAE IS NOW RESTORED.

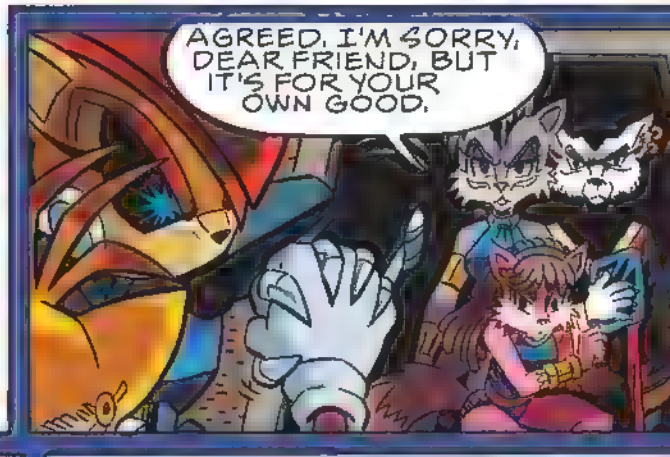
NO. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A QUEEN. I WILL RETURN IT TO HER WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.*
*THE FELIDAE TAKE ON THEIR JOBS AND ROLES ONLY WHEN WEARING THE DESIGNATED CLOTHES. --CULTURAL NOTE.

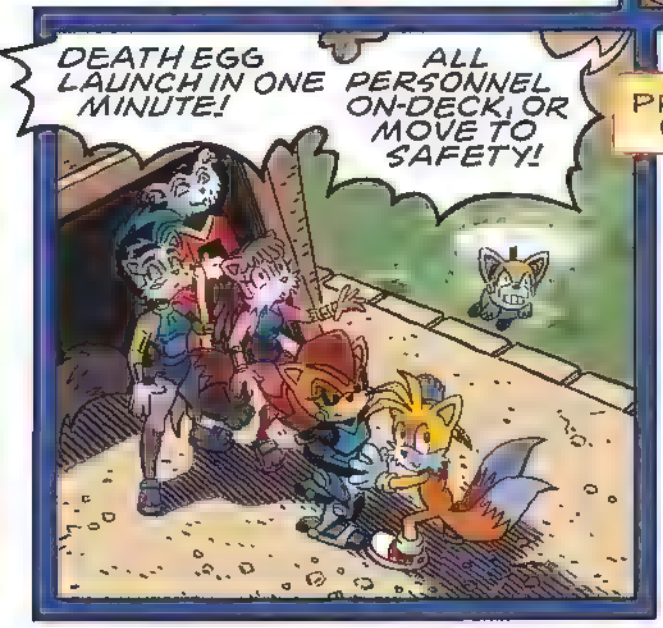
VERY WELL. I ASSUME YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR ESCAPE?
WE NEED TO MEET WITH TAILS AND LEAVE AS ONE STRONG UNIT. BY THE TIME WE REACH HIM...

"...HE SHOULD'VE COMPLETED HIS OBJECTIVE."
THERE! WITH THIS TRACKER IN PLACE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND EGGMAN NO MATTER HOW MUCH LEAD TIME HE GETS.
NOW LET'S LINK UP WITH THE OTHERS BEFORE WE'RE --T-PUP?
GRRRRRRRRRR
SALLY!
INTRUDER DETECTED.TECH-LEVEL AND PROXIMITY TO DEATH EGG A HIGH-LEVEL CONCERN.
YIPE!
EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENT WILL PREVENT--
KZZT!

YOU... HIT ME.
I'M SORRY, SALLY, BUT YOU'RE NOT YOUR-SELF.

IF I'M GOING TO PROTECT MYSELF--IF I'M GOING TO DISABLE YOU TO SAVE YOU--
--I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!
SKREEEEEK!!


AGREED. I'M SORRY, DEAR FRIEND, BUT IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.


DEATH EGG LAUNCH IN ONE MINUTE!
ALL PERSONNEL ON-DECK, OR MOVE TO SAFETY!

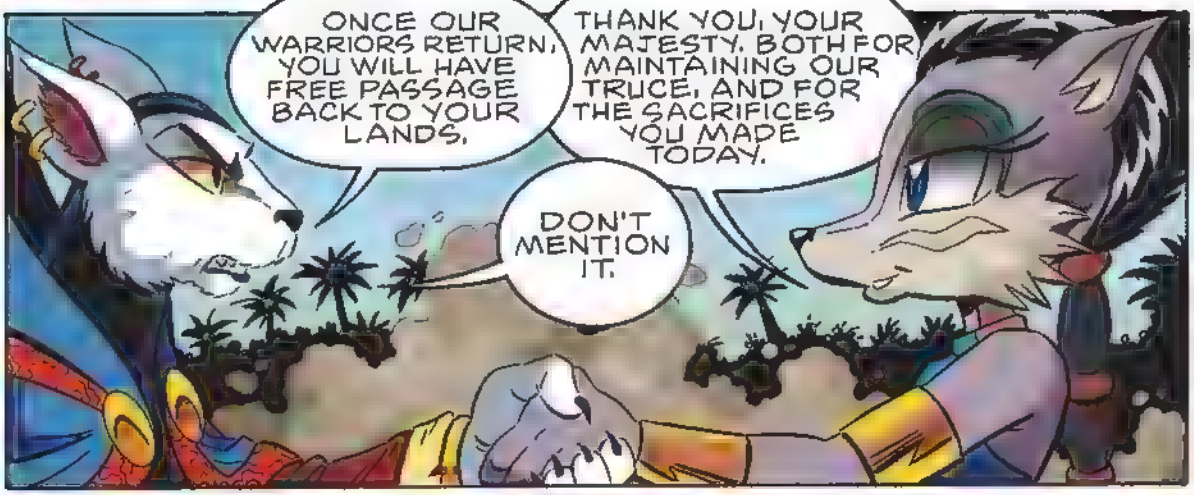
PROCESSING OPTIONS...
OW!
THWUMP

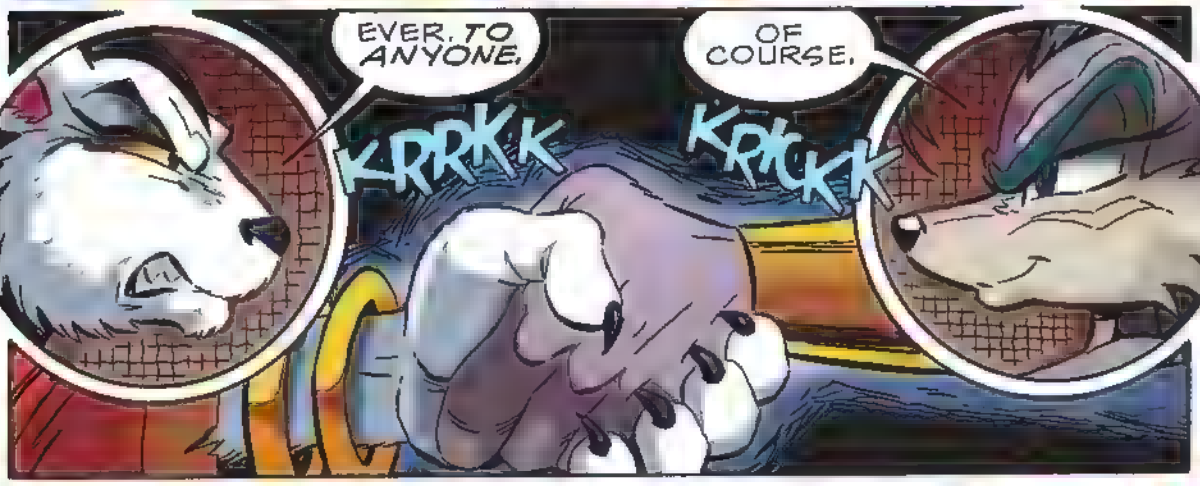
YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO DISABLE ME. YOU RISK INJURY, DEATH, LOSS OF YOUR PET, AND RECAPTURE OF THE THE REGIONAL RULERS.
OR--YOU LET THIS UNIT GO AND ESCAPE WHILE YOU CAN. YOU SAVE THE REGION.
SO LOSE YOU FOR SURE, OR RISK LOSING EVERYTHING?
CORRECT.
DEATH EGG LAUNCH IN THIRTY SECONDS!
WE'RE OUT OF TIME! TAILS, WE HAVE TO GO!
I'M SORRY, SALLY.
WE'LL FIND YOU. WE WILL SAVE YOU.
I DO NOT NEED SAVING.

SKYOW
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS STILL STANDING!
BUT WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THROUGH AN ARMY TO ESCAPE...
WE SHOULD BE FINE IF WE--
SONIC! THE QUEEN OF THE FELIDAE DEMANDS YOUR ATTENTION!
UH-HUH. THIS BETTER BE GOOD, LADY.
INTO THE JUNGLE! I WILL BE NEEDED THERE.
YOU BETTER BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, QUEENIE.
WAIT! WE'RE NOT-- OOMPH!

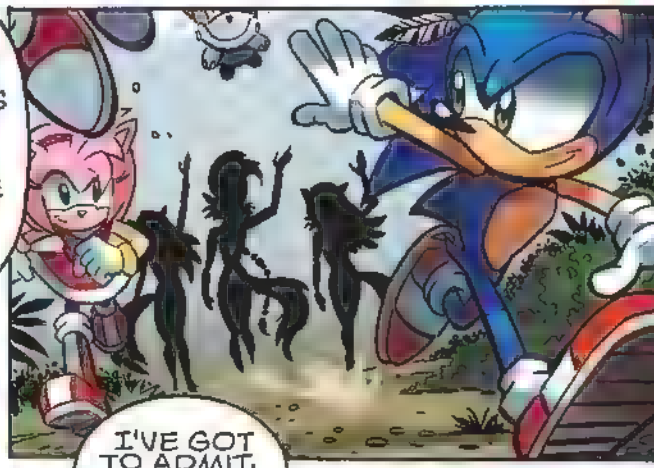
DEATH EGG II-- COMMAND DECK.
LAUNCH SUCCESSFUL, MASTER.
SONIC AND HIS ALLIES ARE IN FULL RETREAT.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. SONIC NEVER RETREATS.
BAH! THOSE IDIOTS DRAGO AND RAZORKLAW WILL HAVE TO STAY UNTIL I HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH THEM. THIS WHOLE TRIP WAS MEANT TO RESTOCK AND REPAIR, AND I BARELY HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO INVADE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS AGAIN! I CAN'T DO THAT AND FEND OFF THE BLASTED HEDGEHOG!
DIVIDE AND CONQUER.
OF COURSE! I'LL NEED TO DO SOME CONSTRUCTION IN-FLIGHT, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT PAYING YOUR DEAR, SOON-TO-BE-LATE BROTHER A...
...VISIT?

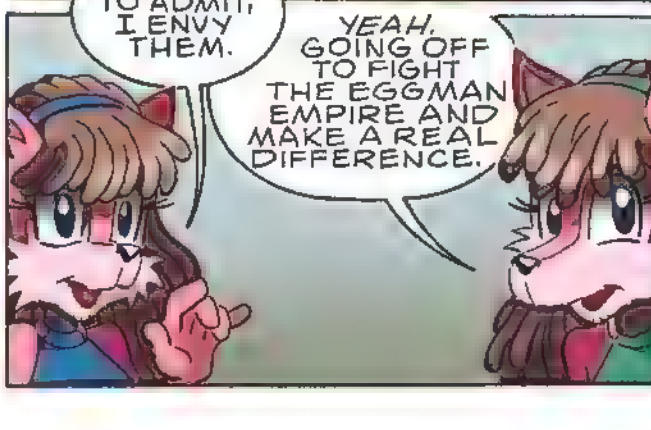
OOOH, THAT HATHOR! SHE THINKS SHE'S SO IMPORTANT!
AMY, WE NEED TO COVER LUPE'S ESCAPE BACK TO HER TERRITORY. ON THREE, WE'LL DOUBLE-BACK AND--
AWOOOOO
AWOOOOO-
-OOOOOOOO
'SUP?
LET FANG AND CLAW RULE HERE, NOT SPECIES! DRIVE THE TRAITORS BACK!
REMEMBER WHEN HATHOR TOLD THOSE CATS THEY NEEDED TO ALLY WITH THE WOLVES?*
TURNS OUT BOTH SIDES WERE MORE WILLING TO LISTEN THAN WE THOUGHT.
AND YOU GOT HATHOR TO THEM JUST IN TIME TO LEAD THE COUNTER-ATTACK!
AND I GOT THE TRACKER ON THE DEATH EGG!
EGGMAN CAN'T HIDE FROM US NOW.
AWE-SOME!
*LAST ISSUE!

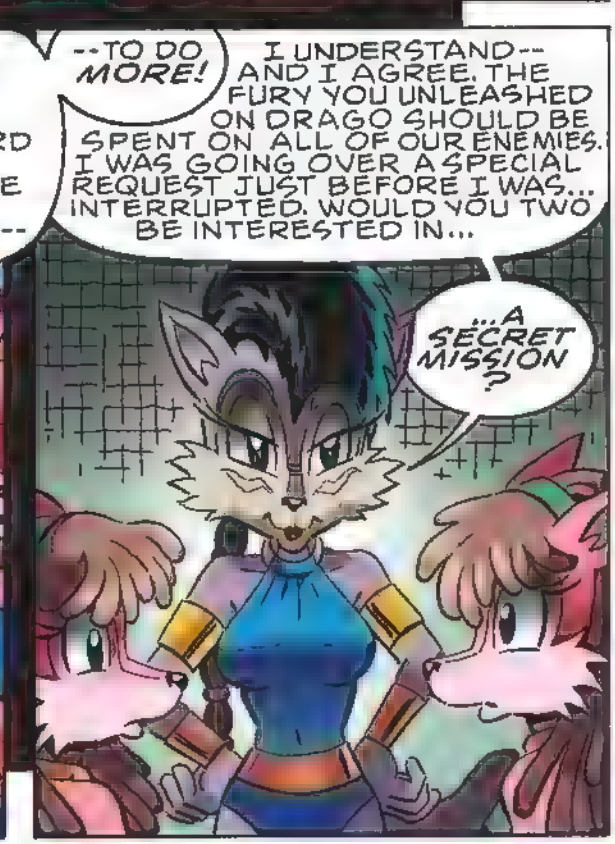

ONCE OUR WARRIORS RETURN, YOU WILL HAVE FREE PASSAGE BACK TO YOUR LANDS.
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY. BOTH FOR MAINTAINING OUR TRUCE, AND FOR THE SACRIFICES YOU MADE TODAY.
DON'T MENTION IT.

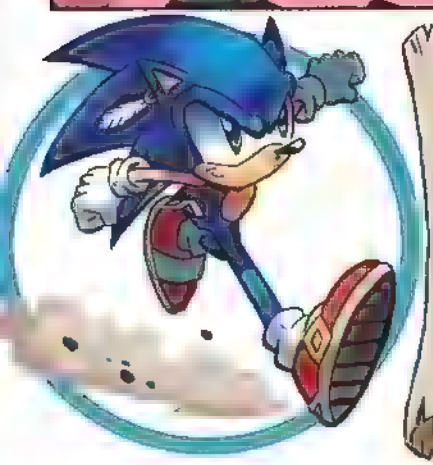

EVER. TO ANYONE.
OF COURSE.
KRRKK
KRICKK

I HAD HOPED TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN ON BETTER TERMS. CAN YOU STAY TO REST AT ALL?
SORRY, LUPE. TEAM FIGHTERS IS ALL ABOUT KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON EGGY. WE'VE GOTTA JUICE.
I UNDER-STAND. WE'LL ENSURE NO ONE SLOWS YOU DOWN.




I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, I ENVY THEM.
YEAH. GOING OFF TO FIGHT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.





HOW ABOUT IT?
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN, TOO?

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And don't forget to take a look at the SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE #3 for more Wolf Pack action and the entire SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

SECRET HQ--UNDER THE CITY OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
I AM NOT GENEROUS IN MY PRAISE, NICOLE.
SO WHEN I SAY THIS NEW HEADQUARTERS IS "EXQUISITE," KNOW THAT I MEAN IT.
THANK YOU, DIRECTOR WHO, BUT I REALLY DIDN'T DO MUCH. THIS BASE WAS LEFT OVER FROM THE IRON DOMINION'S OCCUPATION.* YOUR DEMANDS WERE SO FEW, I HARDLY HAD TO DO ANYTHING.
EDITOR'S NOTE. THIS STORY TAKES PLACE WELL BEFORE SU#41!
*STH#210.
"KEEP THINGS SIMPLE." THAT'S MY MOTTO.
"KEEP THINGS SIMPLE" ...?
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YOU'VE GOT NICOLE VIOLATING HER EXILE ORDER AND ME NOT ONLY DIRECTLY COMMITTING TREASON, BUT REBUILDING A METAL SONIC TO BOOT!
AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OF IT, GRAMPS!
I SEE YOU'VE GOT IT UP AND RUNNING.
FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, I'LL NEED SOME LEGS TO MAKE IT LITERAL.
HMPH. I COULD GET THESE RECOVERED METAL SONIC, METAL SCOURGE, AND TROOPER PARTS FUNCTIONING ON MY OWN. BUT ONCE THEY'VE JOINED TO THIS THING'S POWER GEM MATRIX...
...THE SELF-REPAIR INCORPORATES THEM FASTER THAN I CAN MODIFY THEM.
GUYS? I'M RIGHT HERE... REMEMBER?
WHAT I REMEMBER IS THAT YOU TRIED TO KILL MY NEPHEW.*
AND IT WAS SONIC WHO TAUGHT ME WHAT IT MEANS TO TRULY BE ALIVE.** DON'T FORGET THAT, EITHER.
BESIDES, YOU (SORTA) OWE ME SINCE IT WAS MY CORE-DATA THAT LET YOU BUILD ALL THOSE METAL SONIC TROOPERS. ***
OR--OOPS! WAS THAT A SECRET?
HRMPH. I SHOULD'VE INSTALLED YOUR HEAD LAST...
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7.
**STH #87.
***STH #157-159.

AS FOR "TREASON," I SEEM TO RECALL YOU DIDN'T HESITATE WHEN I ASKED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
YES, WELL... OLD HABITS DIE HARD.
"BETWEEN MY SPY NETWORK AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF YOUR SECRET INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WE KEPT ROBOTNIK GUESSING AND GOT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THE EDGE THEY NEEDED."*
*SEE UNCLE CHUCK'S EFFORTS IN ACTION, AVAILABLE NOW IN SONIC LEGACY VOLUME ONE GRAPHIC NOVEL! --PLUG-ITOR.
AND I BELIEVE NAUGUS IS AS BIG A THREAT NOW AS THE DOCTOR WAS THEN. THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT IF WE'RE CAUGHT, I LOSE MY SEAT, NICOLE FACES DELETION, AND THAT'S BEFORE THE CRAZY WIZARD COMES AFTER US!
THEN IT IS AS IT WAS BEFORE, CHARLES. WE DON'T GET CAUGHT.
ONCE THE ROBOT IS COMPLETE--
STILL RIGHT HERE!
--WE'LL HAVE--
--A TOTAL OF TWO ON THE ROSTER, COUNTING THE TIME-TRAVELER.**
ACTUALLY... YOU JUST RECEIVED AN ANSWER FROM GRAND CHIEF LUPE. SHE --AND THE AGENTS YOU ASKED FOR-- HAVE AGREED TO YOUR REQUEST.
ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR THEM IMMEDIATELY. I WANT THEM HERE YESTERDAY.
**STH #235.

THE TEAM IS STILL MISSING SOME-THING, THOUGH.
...OF THESE TWO THE BEST, AND BEING UNFAMILIAR TO THE CITIZENS WILL GIVE THEM A DEGREE OF UNPREDICT-ABILITY WE'LL NEED TO...
I SCREENED EVERY FREEDOM FIGHTER ON MOBIUS FOR CANDIDATES. I LIKED THE PROSPECTS...
WAIT...YOU'RE RECRUITING FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY?
OOF!
...SPEAKING OF UNPREDICTABILITY...
JUST MY LUCK... SIT ON THE ONE ROTTEN STUMP...
I'M SORRY I FORGOT TO SEAL THE--!
JUST GO BEFORE YOU'RE SEEN!
...AND FALL DOWN...

...HERE? WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
OH! H-HELLO THERE. UM...LET ME EXPLAIN...
HMM. NO. ALLOW ME.
LARRY LYNX, CORRECT? FORMER FIELD LEADER OF THE SUBSTITUTE LEGION?*
UH...Y-YES, SIR? NOBODY SEEMS TO REMEMBER THAT. WHO ARE...?
MM...TELL ME, SON, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE THIS CITY SAFE AGAIN? I BELIEVE I COULD USE SOMEONE OF YOUR UNIQUE TALENTS.
*SONIC SELECT VOLUME 1.
R-REALLY?! Y-YOU MEAN IT? I'D LOVE TO! BUT MOST FOLKS WOULDN'T TRUST ME TO HELP.
THEN, LARRY, M'BOY, IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.
THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS' ADVENTURES CONTINUE NEXT ISSUE --AND IN SONIC UNIVERSE #41-- ON SALE NOW!